



**Portsmouth  
Cable Commission Meeting  
4:00 p.m. – November 5, 2009  
City Hall/City Manager’s Conference Room**

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The Portsmouth Cable Commission met on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

**I.** Call to Order - The following were present:

John Gregg, Chairman

Kathy Pearce, Commissioner

Nancy Beach, Commissioner

Brian Gregg, Commissioner

Bill Southworth, Commissioner

Also present were John Bohenko, City Manager; Bob Sullivan, City Attorney; and Alan Brady, Communication Supervisor.

Chairman John Gregg called the meeting to order at approximately 4:15 p.m.

**II.** **Approval of Minutes – October 22, 2009 - MOTION** made by Brian Gregg to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2009 meeting. Seconded by Bill Southworth. Motion passed.

**III.** **Public Access** – The Commission continued its discussion regarding the proposed composition of the Board of Directors of the nonprofit organization as reflected in the bylaws draft of October 29, 2009. The discussion centered primarily on the appointment of a board member by the city government.

**MOTION** made by Brian Gregg that the entire paragraph of section 4.04 regarding an appointment to the board by the City Manager be altered to read, “One Director shall be nominated by the Portsmouth City Mayor” and that Section 4.05 remain as drafted on October 29. Seconded by Bill Southworth. The motion was defeated.

**MOTION** made by Kathy Pearce that section 4.04 be altered to read, “One Director shall be appointed by the Portsmouth City Mayor with approval of the City Council. The appointed member shall not be eligible to be an Officer of the Corporation” and that the clause of section 4.05 regarding the Mayor also putting forward candidates for election at an annual or special meeting be stricken. Seconded by Nancy Beach. Motion passed.

**MOTION** made by Bill Southworth that we adopt the By-laws as amended. Seconded by Nancy Beach. Motion passed.

**MOTION** made by Kathy Pearce that we respect the City Manager’s wishes to remove any mention of the City Manager in the bylaws. Seconded by Nancy Beach. Motion passed.

The Chair then referred to the document describing the process of establishing the initial Board of Directors of Portsmouth Public Media. He specifically referred to who should be on the committee to make the initial selection.

After some discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Brian Gregg that the Commission supported by city staff be authorized by the City Council to select the initial board members of corporation with ratification of the entire slate of directors so chosen by the City Council (one vote up or down). Seconded by Bill Southworth. Motion passed.

The City Manager agreed to schedule the Commission to appear before the City Council on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting will be November 12, 2009 at 3:30 pm.

The Chair stated that we have received approval for use of the name "Portsmouth Public Media, Inc." from the State of New Hampshire.

**V. Adjournment**